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Options force complexes to compete

Most off-campus apartments still report high capacity

Darren Price

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Several Columbia-area student apartment complexes are at or nearly at capacity this month, despite a fierce leasing season that saw the introduction of two new housing facilities.

The Woodlands of Columbia and Granby Mills both reported being at 99 percent capacity, and managers from The Retreat and Olympia Mills both said more than 95 percent of their beds were filled. Pointe West and Riverside Estates, both in Cayce, are also above 90 percent capacity.

But other complexes, such as Garnet River Walk and Stadium Suites, are struggling to fill apartments. Garnet River Walk's occupancy rate is 74 percent, and Stadium Suites is only reporting 61 percent of their apartments full.

"I have no doubt that we will definitely be full by January," said Jennifer Horne, the senior property manager for The Retreat.

The introduction of new complexes has caused fierce competition among the complexes, according to Pointe West marketing manager Kathleen McLaughlin.

"It's gotten to the point that we are competing for people," said McLaughlin. "People are taking desperate measures." The 2009 leasing season was marked by the introduction of two new complexes, The Woodlands and Aspyre. Both opened this fall, and brought nearly 800 new apartments to the market. The Woodlands has 1209 bed spaces and is at capacity, and Aspyre has around 700 bed spaces. Aspyre declined to comment on how full they were.

The Retreat, on Shop Road, also completed a Phase II this fall. Phase II is also at capacity and has 60 cottages housing 180 students. Along with Phase



Keri Goff / The Daily Gamecock

Students play a drinking game and take advantage of the amenities at Apsyre. With more off-campus housing options, apartments are fighting to stay filled.

I, The Retreat has 196 cottages with approximately 630 bed spaces.

McLaughlin noted that during the last leasing season, roughly from October to April, many other apartment complexes began offering more incentives than in past years. As the season ended, she said that Pointe West as well as other apartment complexes also began offering cash, gifts and gift cards to students who signed.

"Who wants to pay \$175 in signing fees here when they can pay nothing and get free rent or gifts somewhere else?" she said in reference to the incentives.

Currently, most apartment complexes with openings offer some form of reward-based incentives. Pointe West offers a free iPod Touch or \$200 Visa gift card and a free month's rent to students that sign a lease. The Woodlands offered free utilities before reaching capacity and The Retreat gave grills to students who signed during the summer.

Despite high numbers from apartment complexes, the off-campus housing market may be flooded, said

USC coordinator of off-campus student services Jami Campbell.

Since the Towers residence halls were demolished in 2006, five apartment complexes have opened.

Campbell said that in addition to the influx of new complexes, economic hard times played a part to the increased competition in the market.

"Even on-campus housing had trouble filling their spots this year," Campbell said. "More people are living at home."

Campbell and McLaughlin both noted that the next leasing season could be more competitive than last spring's.

"I think some complexes that laid low got a little more competitive next year," she said. "Especially with how successful places like The Retreat was."

Campbell said that the competition is a good thing for the students.

"It provides the opportunity for students to have a bunch of options," she said.

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By the numbers:

The Woodlands

- 390 units
- 1209 beds
- 99 percent capacity (full)

The Retreat

- 196 Cottages (60 Phase II)
- 630 bed spaces (180 beds Phase II)
- 96 percent capacity (100 percent Phase II)

Olympia and Granby mills

- 345 units
- 1057 beds
- 98 percent full (99 Olympia, 98 Granby)

Pointe West

- 144 units
- 480 bed spaces
- 90 percent capacity

Riverside Estates

- 91 percent capacity
- no other data collected/available

Stadium Suites

- 61 percent capacity
- no other data collected/available

Garnet River Walk

- 170 units
- 476 bed spaces
- 74 percent (approximately)

Aspyre

- 400 units
- approximately 700 beds
- did not provide percentage

Incoming class breaks enrollment, SAT record

Stats shows Capstone class brightest ever; more than 20,000 students attending;

Josh Dawsey

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

South Carolina's incoming freshman class is the largest in history and has the highest average SAT score ever on record, according to University statistics released Monday. USC also has more students than ever enrolled at its Columbia campus.

The University enrolled 3,930 freshmen along with 1,200 transfers, completing a class of 5,130 first-year students. 20,521 students are now at USC overall, and more than 41,000 are enrolled at USC's eight campuses statewide.

The class's average SAT score of 1194 breaks the record set last year. The average SAT score of the incoming Honors College freshman class is 1410, and the Capstone Scholars average SAT score was 1306, topping the 1300 mark for the first time.

Here at The Daily Gamecock, we like to know about people.

Whether it's the people who live on our hall, the people we see everyday in the Russell House or the people involved in campus organizations, people have stories to tell.

So we're starting a new feature called Gamecock of the Week. Since USC has more than 20,000 students, there are tons of great personalities and great people. It's time to give them some credit.

Each Tuesday, we're going to peer into the life of a Gamecock and what makes them tick.

This week's Gamecock of the Week is Rebecca Epps, an English student who took a long route in her dreams to become a novelist. You can find the story online at DailyGamecock.com.

As our readers, we hope you'll let us know what you think. If you know of anyone who goes out of the way to make a difference, e-mail us at gamecocknews@gmail.com.

We want to know.



Scott Fowler / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

If a new Apple store comes to Columbia, students will be able to repair their computers in town. Now they must drive over an hour to either Charleston or Columbia for a fix.

Buzz has Apple on way to Columbia

Store's rumored opening in Five Points unconfirmed

Derek Legette

THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Will Columbia get its own Apple store? While the answer remains to be seen as of yet, rumors are circulating that the computer chain, whose nearest stores are in Charlotte and Charleston, plans to open a store in Five Points.

Merritt McHaffie, the executive director of the Five Points Association, however, has yet to receive confirmation the store is coming.

"Developers said that a computer supply store that already has a branch in Charleston and Charlotte is interested in coming to Columbia," McHaffie said. "The State ran the story and made it look like it was Apple, but it is still a rumor. I'm not saying that is true or not true."

Students have long complained that while they own Apple products, there's nowhere within an hour's drive to purchase new products or to repair existing ones.

Last year, USC installed an AppleHub on the first floor of the Russell House to help alleviate the problem. AppleHub Manager Michelle Dames said she doesn't think the

store will come to Five Points.

"Columbia's not big enough for an Apple store," Dames said. "Several retailers were set up before and they were not successful."

Since the hub is a campus store, it offers educational discounts, lower prices on previous models and customized support to students at USC, Dames said. She said she doesn't see a new store as a threat.

Because the hub doesn't offer the full line of Apple products and doesn't offer a repair service, some students say Columbia still needs a store of its own.

"If your computer breaks, it would be a costly move for a USC student to ship it all the way to Charlotte because of the waiting period," Anna Hodgson, a second-year visual communications student said.

Janell Vanarthos, a third-year public relations student, thinks it would be great for expansion. With so many universities and young professionals in Columbia, he said the store would work.

"I think it would be a great idea. It's a growing industry and it would be beneficial to have it so close."

Continue to follow The Daily Gamecock for more information as this story develops.

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CALENDAR

What: Intro to Islam lecture
When: 10 a.m.
Where: Rutledge Chapel

What: Residence Hall Association recruitment meeting
When: 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Where: Greene Street

What: Association for African American Students general assembly
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Russell House Theater

What: Pastafarians first meeting
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: RH Room 202

What: International Student Association meeting
When: 7 p.m.
Where: South Quad Lounge

What: Hillel Foundation weekly meeting
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: RH Room 205

What: Student Engagement information session
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: RH 303

What: Homecoming general meeting
When: 8 p.m.
Where: RH Room 203

SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN’S SOCCER
High Point
Stone Stadium
Tonight
7 p.m.

WOMEN’S SOCCER
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Stone Stadium
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WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL
Clemson
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LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL

McMaster to run for governor

South Carolina’s Republican attorney general said Monday in announcing his run for governor that he understands scandals have made voters distrustful of government.

Attorney General Henry McMaster, 62, announced his much-expected candidacy in an a video posted on his Web site and set to begin airing on TV statewide Monday night. An official announcement will come Tuesday, when McMaster will release his economic strategy for South Carolina’s future.

McMaster was long expected to join the race to replace Republican Gov. Mark Sanford, who is limited by law to two terms.

“Taxpayers no longer trust their government. There’s been too much dishonesty and too many scandals,” he said in the one-minute commercial. “Not long ago, South Carolina was a leader in creating new jobs. I know we can do it again. What we need now is new leadership to pull us together. That’s why I’m running for governor.”

Campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey refused to say whether the comments referred to Sanford, who has come under increased scrutiny since disappearing for nearly a week in June and returning to admit an affair with a woman in Argentina.

NATIONAL

Coroner: Jackson was killed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles County coroner has ruled Michael Jackson’s death a homicide and a combination of drugs was the cause, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press, a finding that makes it more likely criminal charges will be filed against the doctor who was with the pop star when he died.

Forensic tests found the powerful anesthetic propofol acted together with at least two sedatives to cause Jackson’s death June 25 in his rented Los Angeles mansion, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the findings have not been publicly released.

Dr. Conrad Murray, a Las Vegas cardiologist who became Jackson’s personal physician weeks before his death, is the target of a manslaughter investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department. A designation of homicide means that Jackson died at the hands of another, but does not necessarily mean a crime was committed.

A search warrant affidavit unsealed Monday in Houston includes a detailed account of what Murray told investigators.

According to the document, Murray said he’d been treating Jackson for insomnia for about six weeks with 50 milligrams of propofol every night via an intravenous drip. But he said he feared Jackson was forming an addiction to the anesthetic, which is normally used in hospitals only, and was attempting to wean his patient by lowering the dose to 25 milligrams and adding the sedatives lorazepam and midazolam.

That combination succeeded in helping Jackson sleep two days prior to his death, so the next day, Murray told detectives he cut off the propofol — and Jackson fell asleep with just the two sedatives.

Then around 1:30 a.m. on June 25, starting with a 10-milligram tab of Valium, Murray said he tried a series of drugs instead of propofol to make Jackson sleep. The injections included two milligrams of lorazepam around 2 a.m., two milligrams of midazolam around 3 a.m., and repeats of each at 5 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. respectively.

INTERNATIONAL

Criticism of Scotland grows

Scotland’s justice minister on Monday defended his much-criticized decision to free the Lockerbie bomber, as the U.S. State Department said that though it disagreed “passionately” the move would not affect relations between America and Britain.

The Scottish administration has faced unrelenting criticism from the both the U.S. government and the families of American victims of the 1988 airline bombing since it announced last week it was freeing Abdel Baset al-Megrahi on compassionate grounds. The terminally ill al-Megrahi, who has prostate cancer, returned to his native Libya on Thursday, where he was greeted by crowds waving Libyan and Scottish flags.

The United States will stand by Britain, even though it believes the decision was a mistake, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly told reporters.

Kelly’s words follow days of criticism from top U.S. officials.

— The Associated Press

PIC OF THE DAY



Keri Gott / The Daily Gamecock

North American celtic group The Tartan Terrors perform on the Russell House Patio for Multicultural Music Monday afternoon .

WEIRD HEADLINES

-The Associated Press

Feuding families cause riot of about 150 in Ala.

MARION, Ala. — Two Alabama families that had been fighting for years turned their feud into a full-scale riot Monday outside a small-town city hall, with up to 150 screaming people hurling tire irons and wielding baseball bats. Eight people were arrested, and at least four were hurt, Trooper John Reese said. Two were taken to hospitals. The town’s police chief was hit in the head with a crowbar but was OK.

Oh wait, there’s a ‘Favre’ goat in my trunk ...

WINONA, Minn. — A woman on her way to St. Paul really got the goat of auto repairman James Prusci. She went to Tires Plus in Winona Friday, wanting a belt replaced on her Chevy Malibu. While he was doing paperwork, she said she had a goat in her trunk. “A what?” he asked. She told him she planned to butcher it. It was painted Minnesota Viking colors — purple and gold — with Brett Favre’s No. 4 shaved on its side. Favre made his Vikings debut Friday in a preseason game.

Man gets glued to toilet seat at Australian mall

CAIRNS, Australia — A man who used a public toilet in a shopping mall was taken to a hospital to have the toilet seat removed from his backside after someone smeared it with glue in what an official condemned Monday as a sick joke. Police urged possible witnesses

Workers bare it all to save jobs

PARIS (Reuters) — Workers at a crisis-hit boiler factory in France have stripped off for a nude calendar in a bid to save 204 jobs slated for redundancy. Staff at the Chaffoteaux et Maury factory in Brittany will use the proceeds to fund a trip to Italy where they plan to stage a protest at their parent company, Ariston Thermo Group (ATG), which pulled the plug on the site earlier this year.

Woman sues zoo over splashing dolphins

CHICAGO (Reuters) – A woman is suing a Chicago-area zoo for a 2008 fall near a dolphin exhibit, accusing zookeepers of encouraging the mammals to splash water and then failing to protect spectators from wet surfaces, local media reported on Thursday.

In her suit filed earlier this week, Allecyn Edwards said she was injured while walking near an exhibit at Brookfield Zoo, where a group of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins were performing, media said.

Police: Man leaves kids in car, goes to strip club

CLEARWATER, Fla. – Authorities said a man was arrested after being accused of leaving two small children in his vehicle while he was in a Clearwater strip club. The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office reports that the 33-year-old man left a 3-year-old and a 4-year-old in a car late Sunday night. The report said the man was in the club, drinking at the bar, for 30 to 60 minutes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Information compiled from history.com

325:

The Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical debate held by the early Christian church, concludes with the establishment of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

1835:

The first in a series of six articles announcing the supposed discovery of life on the moon appears in the New York Sun newspaper. Known collectively as “The Great Moon Hoax,” the articles were supposedly reprinted from the Edinburgh Journal of Science.

1875:

Matthew Webb, a 27-year-old merchant navy captain, becomes the first known person to successfully swim the English Channel.

1910:

Walden W. Shaw and John D. Hertz formed the Walden W. Shaw Livery Company, which later became the Yellow Cab Company. In 1907, the Shaw Livery Company purchased a number of small taxicabs equipped with meters.

1944:

After more than four years of Nazi occupation, Paris is liberated by the French Second Armored Division and the U.S. Fourth Infantry Division.

1945:


John Birch, an American missionary to China before the war and a captain in the Army during the war, is killed by Chinese communists days after the surrender of Japan, for no apparent reason.

1954:

Singer-songwriter Elvis Costello is born Declan Patrick McManus in London on this day. The son of a big-band singer, Costello began playing guitar in his teens. He sometimes performed under his mother’s maiden name, Costello.

1984:

Truman Capote, the author of the pioneering true-crime novel In Cold Blood dies at age 59 in Los Angeles.



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Remember first-years part of Carolina family

The truth is that you can spot them a mile away: herds of students traveling together in neatly assembled outfits, with deer-in-headlights eyes and a propensity to arrive to class 15 minutes early.

That’s right, freshmen are swarming the campus, and for the next two months they will miserably fail at blending into the general student population.

“The next time you see someone with a hiked up back pack and crinkled campus map in hand, kindly help them out.”

However, complete lack of experience and desperate attempts to quickly acclimate to the USC environment aside, each first-year student is first and foremost a new Gamecock. The amount of freshmen bashing that is circulating the campus, in less than hushed voices, is simply ridiculous.

Each upperclassman, new sophomore or super senior, was at one point a clueless newbie entering the collegiate world, full of optimism. So the next time you see someone with a hiked up back pack and a crinkled campus map in hand, kindly help them out. Wouldn’t it have been nice to know that the floors in the Humanities classroom building are numbered European style and that the elevators take forever? Remember that our newcomers are part of the Gamecock family, and while every first-year student has his or her dues as the newbie, we were in their shoes a few short years ago.

Take the baby Gamecocks under your wing. If you’re lucky they’ll share some of their cheerful spirit with you, or send an invite to elevator Twister your way.

Greek stereotypes fun, but not serious

Sorority girls make for laughs in Horseshoe chaos on Bid Day, prepare for genuine sisterhood

It’s that time of year again! Last week, the streets of Columbia were filled with wide-eyed girls in sun dresses making their way towards the obnoxious chanting echoing from the Greek Village, all for a chance to be a part of something greater than themselves. That’s right – Sorority Rush!

Sunday night marked the end of this glorious spectacle with what I call The Running of the Jewels, but only because Pearls does not rhyme with Bulls. At precisely 5:30 p.m. in the evening, the Horseshoe was transformed from a historical square dotted with antique oak trees to something short of a small town carnival. Each sorority created elaborate “finish lines” with balloons and decorations made of their respective official colors in which their new girls will be greeted by the loving embraces of older sisters. It’s a glorious day filled with inflated egos and snobbery to the



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max. Just minutes before the run was to take place, sisters of a particular sorority changed their Facebook statuses to “Jealousy is a sickness – get well soon. Best damn pledge class.” This strong feeling of pride and belonging wasn’t present in the hearts of everyone, however. While the majority of the girls were busy running to meet their new sisters, tripping on loose bricks along the way, some girls were left at the starting line, heartbroken that they didn’t get their top choice. At that very moment, their lives were absolutely crushed. To them, not getting into their chosen sorority meant total rejection, that nobody liked them, that they are worthless.

More than likely, after a few days, a phone call home to Mom, and a half gallon of Ben and Jerry’s, these girls will be perfectly fine, and maybe a little embarrassed for getting so overworked about something so miniscule.

For those of you who do make it – get ready! Your allegiance to your sisters will become so overwhelming that you will refuse to make friends with any girl who does not share your letters. Go ahead and pick out your favorite frat, because if you decide to hang out with too many of them, other girls will begin to question your morals. If you haven’t already done so, go ahead and invest in a Lily dress, a string of pearls, and a pair of Jack

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tips for Columbia drivers

Whether behind the wheel or crossing streets, city roads can be dangerous, deadly

If you’re an incoming student at the USC, you have a lot to worry about. You’re busy adjusting to new classes, new housing, and new friends. For many of you, you’re also getting used to a new city. This last fact comes with an important caveat: in Columbia you’ll find yourself face to face with a new kind of driver.

Understanding the habits of this kind of driver is at least as important as finding out where your classes are or getting involved in school activities, if not more so. Because your very life could depend on it.

Are Columbia drivers bad? Let’s put it this way: A 2007 article in Men’s Health magazine ranked 100 cities on the quality of their drivers. Columbia was named the worst.

To help prepare you for what’s ahead, I’ve written this little primer. To survive Columbia’s roads you’ll need to drive defensively, and it’s best to know what you’re up against. In most parts of the country, when a light has turned red it means “stop.” In Columbia it means “one more person can go through.” So if the light in front of you has just turned green, you have to wait several seconds until at least one person has run the red light in the intersecting street.

When it comes to signaling, a good rule of thumb is “for the car in front of me, the signal, or lack thereof, is no indication of what the driver is actually going to do.” You might think that if someone hasn’t put

their turn signal on, they’re not going to turn or change lanes. But they often will. Very suddenly. Without looking.

What about when someone has put a signal on? It’s no guarantee they will be turning any time soon. They might drive through an intersection with their signal on, then turn onto a street after it. Or they might just not turn at all. Whatever.

What about when you’re the one attempting to turn or change lanes? There is nothing you can do that will guarantee any other driver has noticed your intention. They may not notice your signals. They may not even notice that there is another car on the road. In Columbia, expect to see drivers with their heads literally turned completely to one side, talking to a pedestrian or just taking in the scenery. So proceed with extreme caution.

There is danger in being a pedestrian as well. It may be my imagination, but I could swear drivers in Columbia speed up when they see people crossing the street. At the very least, they will not yield to you. If someone else yields, they will pass that car at whirlwind speed while scowling.

There are too many other warnings to list in an article of this size. I’ve done my best to cover the highlights. For more advice, ask any upperclassman. They all have war stories and battle scars.

There is also a final note for the people in charge of the university’s curriculum: is it possible to have mandatory driver’s education for all students?

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‘Recession 101’ teaches students to save money

Economic crisis calls for financial management

How many classes are you taking? Whatever your answer, add one more to the count. Although it doesn’t affect your GPA, one class that you won’t find in the course catalog may be the most important.

We should all be getting credit for Recession 101. Consider yourself enrolled.

Now that most economists agree that the worst recession since the Great One is nearing its end, it is time to take stock of what we have learned from this historic economic fiasco.

First off, become a saver. This is probably the most obvious lesson, but may also be the most complicated.

The widespread recession has damaged the sanctity of the diversified portfolio, but the fundamental message is still clear: people who save more are better off when the going gets tough.

A second lesson is to keep from overextending yourself.

So even though most college students are not in the position to buy a house—

although many could have with the ludicrously generous pre-recession lending standards—now is the time to become aware of your budget and what it can handle. Balancing necessities like rent and food costs against luxuries like a moped or a gaming system now could help you keep yourself out of foreclosure down the road.

The most important lesson is the oft-mentioned but not yet seen resetting of priorities. The media loves to talk about how Americans have made the distinction between what is and is not important, but the evidence isn’t there. In order to avoid repeating this experience, we need to learn to live a bit more reasonably. Still strive for that better life, still fuel the economy with spending, but don’t be too trigger happy on big purchases. It cost us in a big way this time around.

The last thing that Recession 101 should teach you is that you should be immeasurably thankful that you were in college during all this. We survived under the protection of college life, and with any luck, the job market will be bouncing back by the time this year’s seniors are ready to enter it.

Phew, that was a close one. Class dismissed.

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IT’S YOUR RIGHT

The goal of The Daily Gamecock’s Viewpoints page is to stimulate discussion in the University of South Carolina community. All published authors are expected to provide logical arguments to back their views.

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We also invite student faculty and USC faculty members to submit guest columns. Columnists should keep submissions to about 500 words in length and include the author’s name and position. Guest columns are limited to three per author per semester.

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TECHNOLOGY MUST-HAVES

Darren Price
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As assignments begin to pile up and free time materializes as said assignments get ignored, it becomes increasingly important to have the right technology on your side. Even if it sounds like an advertisement, the truth is that sometimes having the newest, fastest gadgets can actually enhance quality of life. The Mix has compiled a list of this years absolute must-haves.

1. Apple MacBook Pro

If you only spend an average of three hours on your laptop each school day, that still adds up to more than 400 hours in a school year. Clearly you want something that will last. Enter the MacBook Pro--not only is it one of the prettiest computers out there, but it is made from a single piece of aluminum, so breaking it is going to be pretty hard. How does it perform? Well, the basic 13-inch MacBook Pro sports a 2.26 Ghz Intel Core Duo processor and 2 GB of RAM. Put in layman's terms, its fast, blazing fast. With a 160 GB hard drive, you can store all the illegally downloaded music your heart could desire. For those worried about making the switch from PC to Mac, don't worry; it will run both Mac OSX and Windows Operating systems. You can spend as much as \$4,500 on one, but the extremely-capable base model comes in at \$1,199. Throw in Apple's student discount and free iPod, and you can't do much better for a laptop.

4. Portable Memory

During your time in college, your computer will crash, at least once. If it doesn't, you are extremely lucky. Don't entrust your papers, music and movies to chance--spend a little money and get an external hard drive. They can cost as little as \$50, and could potentially save hundreds or more in lost files and hours of frustration. Don't forget to back up your computer regularly. You'll also want to get a flash drive to cart assignments around without having to bring your computer. You can get a pretty good one for about \$15.

6. Logitech Z2300 Computer Speakers

There is nothing quite like blasting a little Barry White into a suitemate's room the first time they bring someone back after a night in Five Points, so some good speakers are a must. Logitech makes a host of options that are not only affordable, but high quality. The Z2300 speakers come with two speakers and a subwoofer, and are THX certified. Needless to say, you'll be able to blast music so loud that not only will you ruin that suitemate's late night conquests, but probably every one else's within three floors. They also come with a universal audio jack, so you can plug them into pretty much anything from an MP3 player to a TV. The Logitech Z2300 is listed at \$169, but can be found much cheaper on websites like amazon.com.

2.iPod Touch

This one is a no-brainer. When it comes to MP3 players, there is the iPod, and then there is everything else. The latest iPod not only offers a great music player, but a host of other features. It can play movies and videos in high-definition, browse the Web with built in WiFi, and it offers 15,000 applications and games on the iTunes App Store. For runners, the new iPod Touch even has a Nike+ sensor built in, so you can keep track of your runs. It's pretty much every portable device you could ever want, rolled into one sleek little package. The downside?

It doesn't have as much space as some other media players, and the \$229 base price is a little steep. However, with all those features, it's more than worth it--not to mention, it comes free with the purchase of a Mac computer.

3.Nintendo Wii

Never has flailing around like a spazz been more fun or socially acceptable. The Nintendo Wii revolutionized video gaming with its unique motion controls, and it could very well make your room the happening spot in your dorm. Offering everything from Mario and Wii Sports to Call of Duty and Tiger Woods Golf, it will keep you busy. If retro games are more your thing, you can download pretty much any game that was released on the NES, Super Nintendo the Nintendo 64 for only a few dollars. With games like Wii Fit, you can even use it as a home gym when you are too lazy to make it down to the Strom. At \$249, The Wii is more affordable--not to mention more fun--than both the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360. Just don't hit your roommate in the face while trying bowl a strike in Wii Sports.

5.Flip HD Camera

The first time you see someone trip on the bricks on the Horseshoe and break their sandals and nose, you are going to wish you had a camera. With the Flip Video Mino HD camcorder, you can always have one ready to roll. It is about the same size as a deck of cards, and shoots high-definition video--perfect for some sneaky shooting. And once you are done recording whatever hilarity you see on campus, simply plug it in and upload it to YouTube for everyone to laugh at. Even better, you can customize the look of the Flip Mino, so everyone can see your Carolina spirit--or your love for Joe Jonas. With a \$229 pricetag, The Flip Mino HD is pretty cheap for a camcorder.

7. Surge Protector

What good is a bunch of cool gadgetry without somewhere to plug them in? With power outages and surges pretty much a sure thing at some point in your new dorm, you have to get a surge protector. They range from about \$10 to upwards of \$40, and most come with a lifetime warranty. Make sure to invest in a good one--after all, all of that cool new gear is useless once it gets fried in a thunderstorm.

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Q&A with Aaron Weiss of mewithoutYou and Weiss Family

Alternative rock vocalist
explains views on school,
vanity, band's direction

Paul Bowers
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Just when you think you've got mewithoutYou pinned, the group goes and reinvents itself again. Where the members once relied on crashing cymbals and heavy distortion, they're now recording with trombones and accordions. Where they once sang about suicide, they're now retelling children's fables and crafting campfire sing-a-longs.

Tonight, the Weiss Family — consisting of mewithoutYou vocalist Aaron Weiss and guitarist Mike Weiss, along with Mike's wife Sarah on keyboards — brings a stripped-down interpretation of the band's songs to the New Brookland Tavern. Opening acts will be audience-participatory gypsy ensemble Psalters and songwriters Damien Jurado and Josh Moore. Calling from a tour stop in Tulsa, Okla., Aaron shared his thoughts:

The Daily Gamecock: The last time you were in Columbia, in December 2007, you were also at the New Brookland Tavern. How do you remember Columbia?

Aaron Weiss: We have a family called the Cook family in Columbia that, our first time through there, they took us in and fed us and stayed up late to welcome us and take care of us ... Even though they've moved away from Columbia, that's still what I think of when I go to Columbia. And probably every time we've played there, it's been the New Brookland Tavern, so that's the other one that — yeah, it's remembering the leaky roof or, in the summertime in particular, the blazing-hot temperatures inside.

TDG: I understand a few of you have gone back to college recently. What are you studying?



Courtesy of Tooth and Nail Records

Vocalist Aaron Weiss (center), his keyboardist wife Sarah and guitarist brother Mike will be touring as the Weiss Family through the end of August, as a spinoff of mewithoutYou.

AW: Education. The program I'm in is called Teaching, Learning and Curriculum. Rickie [Mazzotta, drums] is studying sociology, and Greg [Jehanian, bass], I'm not sure that he's declared a major, but last I heard he was just accepted to some sort of a seminary program.

TDG: I want to talk a little bit about your newest album, "It's All Crazy! It's All False! It's All a Dream! It's Alright." In your song "The Fox, the Crow, and the Cookie," one of the morals that a lot of people take away from it is that it's dangerous to want praise and honor from other people. As a member of a touring band, how have you dealt with the temptation of vanity?

AW: By succumbing to it. It's impossible to resist as a temptation as far as I can tell for a person because it's insidious. It's

not like — for example, a temptation of drinking and drugs is one that exists for many in a touring band, but it's pretty clear whether you're doing that or not. For me, I can say, "OK, well I've never used any drugs; I don't drink," so it isn't a temptation that I've fallen into. But with vanity and pride, you know, you don't see it when you fall into that trap. It blinds you, so you're not even aware of your own pride; in fact, the more proud you are, the less you would be able or willing to see it. There's been so much vanity in my life and so much arrogance, particularly with this band and thinking I'm going to go up and talk to people about God and tell everyone what their heart needs to hear, but there's just been so much vanity. I don't know where it began, but I know that it's sort of overcome me, and thanks be to God that

I've had those close in my life who've been willing to point out to me that, "Yeah, you're a hypocrite. You talk about God, but look at your heart and look at the way you live, and you don't really know what you're talking about, and you just like being up there and singing these songs; you like people clapping and praising you," but did anyone clap and applaud — did they praise Jesus when he was here? Was he a celebrity? Did he sign autographs, or did they try to kill him over and over again? ... By God's grace, that's the only way that me or anyone could ever avoid that temptation.

TDG: If you listen to "Bullet to Binary" and "Bullet to Binary (Pt. Two)" back to back, it's obvious you guys have changed musically, lyrically, maybe even philosophically. How would you characterize the changes you've undergone as a band?

AW: Musically, it's pretty clear we're moving in a direction of folkier instruments, a more acoustic-based sound and not depending so much on heavy distortions and shouting and sheer volume and power to affect the listener, but opening up to subtler approaches to songwriting and, of course, you know, melody rather than that sort of loud, screamy kind of vocal delivery. ... If I listen back to the first one, I think, "Who was this guy so bent out of shape over this one young lady?" ... It's kind of nice to have songs we can sing if we go to visit our uncle and he's got an acoustic guitar laying around and he says, "Hey, play us one of your songs." ... We have a friend who told us he has a three- or four-year-old boy and he really likes the new record, so that was an indication to me that it was moving in a good direction.

TDG: Would you say you've been learning how to sing better?

AW: Yes. Yeah, our label paid for some vocal lessons for us during the recording of our third record, and that helped.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

Remembering John Hughes

Jimmy Gilmore
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

It may be fair to say, whatever label you wish to ascribe to Summer 2009, it could arguably stand as the “Summer of Lost Celebrities.” Between David Carradine, Farrah Fawcett, Billy Mays and the much-publicized passing of Michael Jackson, we have been reminded over and over again in these few short months that those immortalized through their craft are as mortally fragile as those who follow their careers and personal lives.

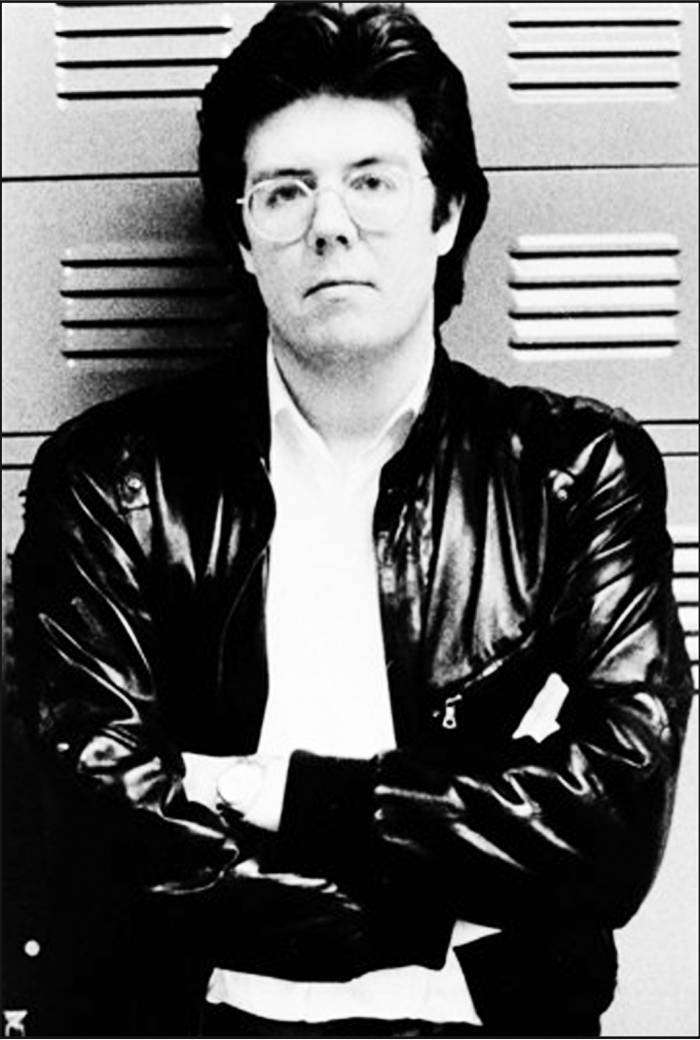
In the first week of August, as the Michael Jackson media frenzy began to finally subside, we abruptly learned that another idol had left us. At just 59, legendary film director John Hughes suffered a fatal heart attack, after having been all but removed from the public eye for nearly two decades.

Hughes’s brief wave of films in the mid-1980s — “Sixteen Candles,” “The Breakfast Club,” “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” — helped put a concrete definition on 1980s comedy while helping launch such careers as those of Anthony Michael Hall, Molly Ringwald, Emilio Estevez and Matthew Broderick.

His death brings into clear focus the magnitude of his influence. Since 2004, we have been experiencing what many media writers have referred to as the “Apatow Moment,” where director/writer/producer Judd Apatow has seemingly monopolized the comedy market while propelling the careers of Seth Rogen, Steve Carell and Jason Segel among others.

Apatow is not a unique figure, and much of his commercial success in the past five years stems from his emulation of the same model Hughes tapped into in the mid-1980s.

When history places a figure into its hall of fame for any given achievement, it is most likely because that person has somehow capitalized on their cultural moment, advancing or refining their art in a meaningful way.



John Hughes, who wrote and directed several 1980s comedy classics, died in New York at 59 in early August.

Yes, Hughes made funny movies, but lest we forget that comedy is a serious business. Hughes operated almost exclusively in high school comedies in the early years of his career, and explored alternative means of depicting high school in films, not necessarily any great truth about growing up or coming of age.

“The Breakfast Club” retains its staying power precisely because the characters are embodiments of stereotypical images. Hughes uses a confined space and abbreviated time frame in the film to break down the divide of social barriers and explore the emptiness of a stereotyped image.

Similarly, “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” retains its appeal because it is so largely an outlandish fantasy. Hughes affords us the pleasure of watching a single person enact the hidden desires of every high school senior, turning Ferris into an almost mythical creation with the gift for getting away with everything.

For many, Hughes remains a personal icon, whose legacy grows stronger with each late-night cable re-run of his perennial classics. In the early 1990s, Hughes realized his time had passed, and he quietly retreated from the spotlight. His passing brings with it the remorse that he was never able to have a triumphant return, while savoring even more his brief contributions to his genre.

As Broderick said addressing the audience directly at the end of “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”: “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” That’s entertainment.

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Mia Sarah, Alan Ruck and Matthew Broderick rocketed to fame by Hughes’ 1986 film “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.”

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TDG: Do you think they were trying to send a message to you?

AW: Received loud and clear. Yes, we get the point. That’s like buying your girlfriend makeup for her birthday; you know, she might appreciate it, but she might take it the wrong way.

TDG: If you were to quit making music today, what would you do instead?

AW: Well, there is this momentum in the education direction, so our eggs seem to be finding their way into that basket.

TDG: Would you be in elementary education?

AW: I’ve got a degree in Secondary

English Education, so we could go home after this tour and apply for a job in the Philadelphia high schools, but we’re continuing on with taking classes because it seems best to keep learning right now, to remain a student rather than a teacher, in every respect.

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The Mix encourages you to entertain your ears with old, new songs.

Ellen Meder
ASSISTANT MIX EDITOR

“Vagabond” by Wolfmother



This one is in honor of the fact that pre-orders for the Australian folk/metal hybrid band’s next album, “Cosmic Egg,” go on sale in the U.S. today. Even if the band’s big hair and tight pants don’t get you, this song is vibrant with its electric rock instrumentation and varying tempo. The only thing better than Andrew Stockdale’s skills on guitar is his haunting voice.

“Kick Drum Heart” by The Avett Brothers

One of the singles off of the much anticipated “I and Love and You” to be released in late September, “Kick Drum Heart” is a fantastic break-neck tempo that perfectly mimics the elevated heart rate and adrenaline



many experience when “holdin’ hands in the rain” or chasing after a love interest. As the title would indicate, the percussion drives this one.

“Heartbreaker (featuring John Legend)” by MSTRKRFT



Absolutely nothing short of infectious, this song was recently featured on the television show “So You Think You Can Dance.” With very formulaic verse in John Legend’s voice on top of solid electronic and piano beats this one will be in your head after only one listen. True, the song starts to feel a tiny bit monotonous by its end, but the lyrics about dealing with the painful aftermath of unrequited love are relatable.

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VH1 CANCELS TWO SERIES AFTER SLAYING, SUICIDE

Murder suspect, contestant found dead amidst investigation

LOS ANGELES — VH1 will not air the reality shows with a contestant who was found dead Sunday of an apparent suicide at a Canadian motel.

Both shows featured Ryan Jenkins, the contestant sought in the killing of his model ex-wife.

A network spokesman said Monday that both “Megan Wants a Millionaire” and “I Love Money 3” have been cancelled.

Jenkins had been one of 17 wealthy bachelors vying for the love of former “Rock of Love” contestant Megan Hauserman on “Megan Wants a Millionaire,” which the network pulled off the air after three episodes.

Jenkins was also a participant on the not-yet-aired “I Love Money 3,” a series

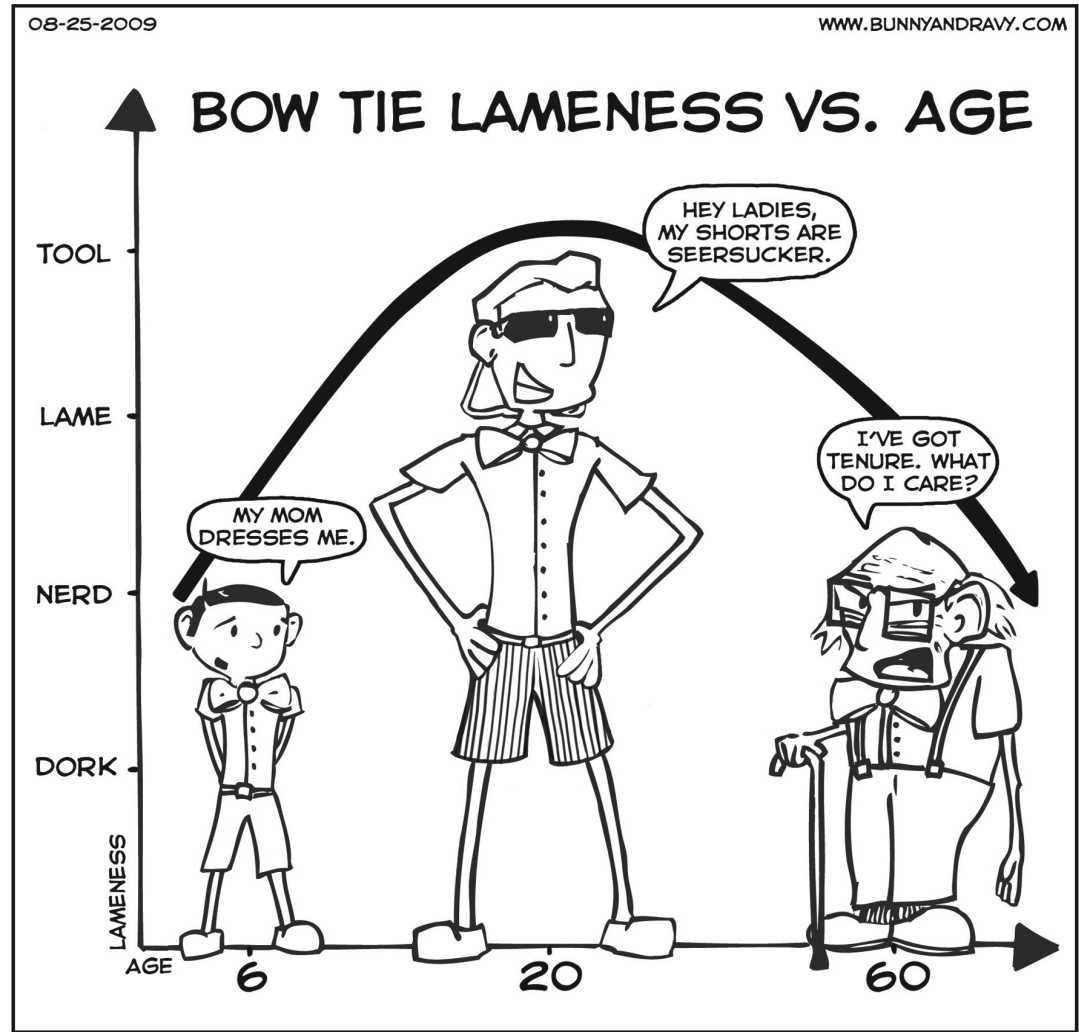
featuring contestants from various VH1 reality shows competing for cash.



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Police officials respond to the scene where a dead body was found in a motel, Aug. 23, in Hope, east of Vancouver.

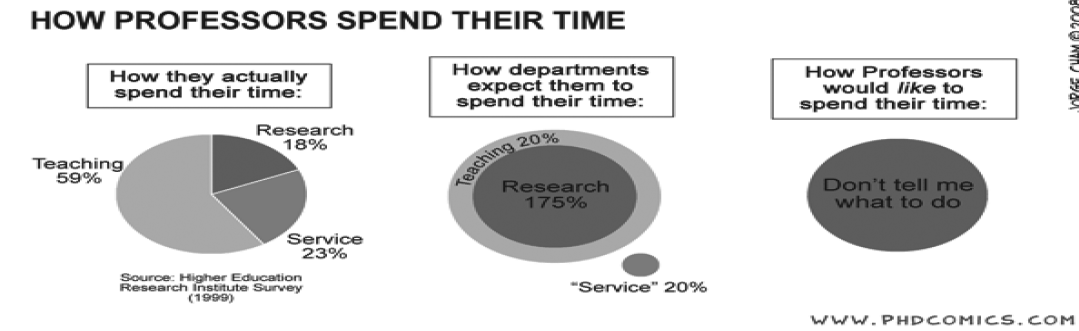
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ARIES Change something about your home to make it more comfortable. You'll be in the mood for the next several weeks.

TAURUS Mars, for energy, is going into Cancer, for family, and in your case, education. Which skill should you practice?

GEMINI You're changing your focus from your own frustration to making money. Schedule effectively.

CANCER The sun's in Virgo and the moon's in Scorpio, your sign for relaxation. Plan an intimate midweek celebration.

LEO The pressure is increasing, and you're getting smarter. You study best under pressure. Use that adrenaline rush.

VIRGO Your team is ready to go, and you're looking for ways to keep them busy. You'll find some good ones pretty soon.

LIBRA Your supervisors are expecting more from you. They're tired of your excuses. Only hold onto the valid ones.

SCORPIO You're in good shape. Get even more exercise. Sailing, swimming and beachcombing fall into this category.

SAGITTARIUS It's easier to get your message across. Friends can help with that. Finish old projects and bring in new money.

CAPRICORN There's so much work coming in, you need an assistant. Choose someone who's supportive and believes in your goals.

AQUARIUS It's getting easier to make your point. A barrier has been lifted. Try again. The squeaky wheel gets the attention.

PISCES You'll soon be more interested in playing with numbers. Figure out how much you'll need and how you'll get it.

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VERSE WORKS OPEN MIC NITE 8:30 p.m., free Art Bar, 1211 Park St.	FARMERS MARKET AT RIVERBANKS BOTANICAL GARDEN 2 — 7 p.m., free Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, 500 Wildlife Pkwy
PEE OR FLEE! 5 p.m., free Elbow Room, 2020 Devine St.	PHIL MOODY'S AS BEE PRACTISE GEOMETRY: RECENT EXPERIMENTS WITH PHOTOGRAPHY 11 a.m. — 8 p.m., free 701 Center for Contemporary Art

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Soccer opens '09 campaign

Veteran squad looks to build off experience, improve on '08 results

Morgan Henley
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Looking at the Carolina men's soccer team roster, one would assume that not much has changed from last year. The names and faces may be the same for the most part, but the Gamecocks are anticipating a better season from their experienced veterans and have with high hopes they can learn from the successes and mistakes of last year.

That process starts tonight, with the team's lone exhibition game of the season against High Point at newly renovated Stone Stadium. USC coach Mark Berson isn't expecting a perfect product on the first day though.

"You should expect to see some mistakes," said Berson. "We'll be a little sloppy but we'll be working as hard as we can. That's what the first game is always like."

USC is very familiar with the expectations that need to be met in order to be competitive in Conference USA. Last season, Carolina bowed out early in the conference tournament against Tulsa, and they hope to improve upon that finish in 2009. In particular, the team hopes to improve upon the five ties that the squad finished with last year.

"We're more focused this year," goalkeeper Jimmy Maurer said. "We're ready for the season. We're more mature."

The Gamecocks have been in summer camp since Aug. 13. Throughout the difficult preseason, Berson has been pleased with what he has seen out of his veteran squad.

"The benefits of having such an experienced team compound each other,"

Berson said. "In this preseason they knew the system. That enables us to cover more ground. They learn from their mistakes from last year and can improve them. We have a good senior and junior class."

There is excitement around the program as well due to the renovation of Stone Stadium, which gives USC Soccer one of the nicest and newest facilities for college soccer. The turf was completely redone to create a more leveled field, which gives the stadium a better drainage system incase of heavy rain. There has also been a wall added that fans can stand on to cheer, which the team hopes will create a distinct homefield advantage.

"The stadium is really going to be great for fans," said Berson. "It's one of the best facilities I've seen

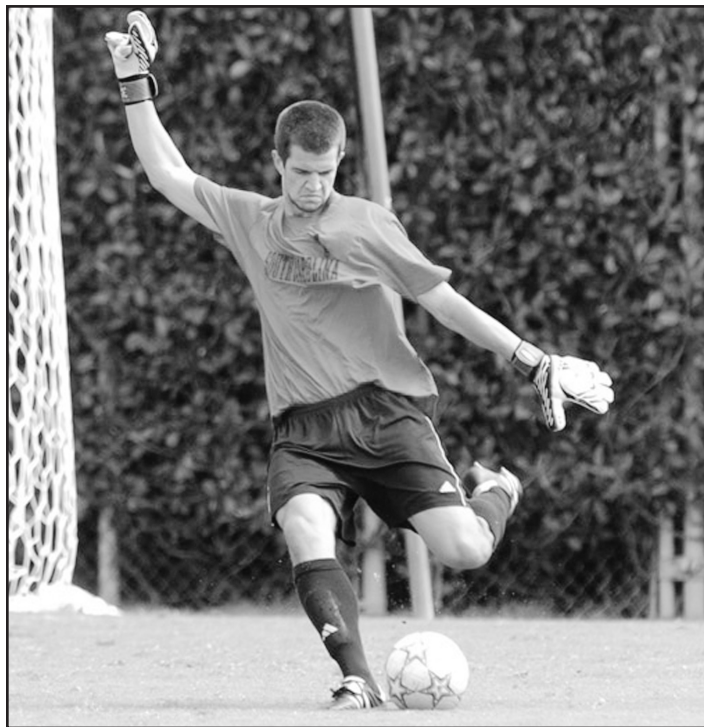


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Goalkeeper Jimmy Maurer clears ball during practice.

around. We are excited about it. I'm anxious to see how we play on the new turf."

Tonight's match against the Panthers kicks off at 7 p.m. Due to continuing construction on the Dodie Anderson Center, fans should pay close attention to parking restrictions when coming to the game.

Fans are asked to park

in the Roost Parking lot, in the diagonal spots along Heyward Street marked "Contractor Parking," on Marion Street between the Stadium and the Indoor Fieldhouse, and along Sumter Street on the west side of stadium.

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Favre has no choice but to keep playing

Quarterback's history digs hole for legacy

I feel bad for Brett Favre. Don't get me wrong; the guy should be ashamed of the way he feigned retirement only to pull into Vikings' training camp at the latest possible point, after saying



James Kratch
Second-year English student

he was n't unretiring.

You've got to have at least a little bit of sympathy for the guy, because he really has no choice than to keep pulling these charades.

That's what happens when you try to self-choreograph your last act.

Ideally, every legendary athlete exits the stage in a blaze of glory, whether it is riding off into the sunset with a championship, making an iconic play, or some variation on both.

Occasionally, it sometimes pans out that way. However, for every instance when Ted Williams homers in his final at-bat at Fenway to bid the Hub fans adieu, or Rudy Ruettiger sacks the quarterback on the last play of the season, we get "The Last Hurrah," or in layman's terms, Muhammad Ali getting his head bashed in by Larry Holmes, or Hank Aaron falling over himself as a Brewer.

In January of 2008 Favre was destined to be in this category. After throwing an interception in overtime of the NFC Championship, costing his team a trip to the Super Bowl, the legendary quarterback called it quits, ending his illustrious career at a press conference in a flood of tears and emotions.

Still, the regret lingered. The greatest folk hero in NFL history had come so close to the perfect ending, only to fall short. That, in his eyes, had to change. It had to change so much, he was willing to burn every bridge in and out of the city that treated him not just like a son, but like a god, strong-arming Packer management into shipping him to New York and the Jets.

When the New York move didn't end like a fairy tale, Favre quit again, saying it was for good. That lasted all of eight months and one plane flight to Minnesota.

Favre has staked his career on getting his moment, and once he was traded from Green Bay, Favre condemned himself to incessant rides around the NFL carousel, which isn't to stop until he either gets his moment or his body falls apart.

The thing is, how it ended never mattered. We don't remember Aaron the Brewer, we remember Hammerin' Hank hitting #715 into the bullpen at Fulton County Stadium. When we see Ali, stricken by Parkinson's, we don't see a feeble old man; we see the courage of a great man who was once young. It would have been the same for Favre.

Have pity on Favre when the swan song he desires likely doesn't come to fruition. In the end, this whole strange that will be more damaging to a legacy than any interception ever would've been.

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Football moves on after wild weekend

Spurrier establishes strict curfew; Taylor to replace Geathers

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Devin Taylor (98) was named a starter at defensive end Monday, replacing recently suspended Clifton Geathers.

Carolina football took to the Proving Ground practice fields Monday night, trying to improve the team on all grounds — in particular, making sure the team doesn't get in trouble off the field.

After junior defensive end Clifton Geathers was arrested at 3 a.m. Sunday at Club Ice in the Vista for fighting a security guard, the team wants to make it clear to their players that there are consequences for their actions.

"We've had [Columbia] Police Chief [T.P.] Carter, Sheriff Leon Lott, the sheriff of Lexington County, Ernie Ellis, the chief of campus police, all come in and talk to them," coach Steve Spurrier said. "We all know how to act, unfortunately one of our team did not act that way."

Geathers suffered a crack in his orbital bone above his eye according to assistant head coach Ellis Johnson. Due to the injury, Geathers will be out at least two weeks, no matter what the eventual legal outcome

of the case. Geathers, who was charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and public drunkenness, is suspended indefinitely as per USC athletic policy.

The team is usually given a curfew on nights before practice or games. However, since Sunday was an off day for the squad, the curfew was not well understood. In light of the incident, Spurrier has instituted a permanent curfew and called on the Gamecock Nation to help him enforce it.

"We had a curfew that wasn't as well explained as it should have been. They know they have one for forever now — 2:00 AM," Spurrier said. "If anyone sees them downtown after [then], please call and let us know."

USC also had to attend to on-field business after the Geathers incident. The starting defensive

end spot that Geathers has left open will be filled by redshirt freshman Devin Taylor, a Beaufort native.

"Devin was pressing [Geathers]," defense line coach Brad Lawing said. "Devin was taking it one or two days and lost it back. Devin was really going at it."

Taylor was named an all-state first team player in high school by the Associated Press. He played in the 71st annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

"I'm trying to work on my [run defense] game," Taylor said. "I'm trying to make sure I get the right fit for whatever comes. Hopefully when the time comes, I'll be able to step up for the team."

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